



The Numismatic Society of South Australia Incorporated

NEWSLETTER 146, September 2023.

Society meetings are currently held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, 7.30 pm. in the Naval, Military & Airforce Club at 111 Hutt Street, Adelaide, entry via rear door, parking on premises or behind. Further details and street map at the end of this newsletter, visitors welcome.

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Annual membership **subscriptions now fall due in January** each year, \$30 for members in Australia and overseas. They can also be paid by EFT to BSB 015 590 A/c 4981 20308 (ANZ) stating surname and/or postcode. If paying by EFT please email Treasurer Virginia, at treasurer@sanumismatics.org.au

Members attending meetings speaking on various topics are encouraged to provide the secretary with brief details of the subjects and examples produced in writing on the night or preferably sent by email to allow accurate recording in the Society minutes. This will make his task much easier and ensure that correct information is later used in this newsletter for the information of other members and clubs. Most items are photographed by Mick at meetings, but members can also send text and images of their items direct to Mick.

Newsletters are sent via email to members who have the capacity to receive them. In this way you get your newsletter quicker and better than a printed version, **AND IN COLOUR**. Please advise the Secretary of your email address for future issues.

This is more efficient and saves the society money. For those who do not have access to the Internet, or still want hard copy in black and white, some copies will still be produced and posted if requested.

As a result of sending our emailed newsletters to other clubs in Australia and New Zealand, we receive their emailed newsletters and these are also being forwarded on to our financial members by email.

NEXT MEETING usual venue as per next page 111 Hutt St., Adelaide, Thursday 19 October 2023.

Meeting 999, Army, Naval & Military Club, Adelaide, 20 July 2023.

Before the July meeting, at approx 7pm, there was a meeting to discuss aspects of the upcoming Coin & Banknote Expo. Flyers were produced to be handed out for the Expo.

Present: Mick (chair) with 21 members present, plus two new members D. S., C. L., apologies 7, visitors 3 (D.S, BT., E.T).

NAA report: This year, in AUGUST, will be our 1000th meeting, held in conjunction with the NAA convention at the Army, Naval & Military Club, which Barrie has kindly helped to organize.

The event will include a Numismatic Bourse on the Friday commencing at 3pm with a chance to look at Numismatics and speak with other collectors from around Australia. The NAA convention provides the opportunity to gain further numismatic knowledge by attending talks about Numismatics given by other people.

The NSSA agreed to subsidize members to attend, reducing the amount for the two days of the weekend from \$145 to \$70 with a nice lunch included on both days. The NAA dinner on Saturday night at the Naval & Military Club was available for \$75 per person.

The 1000th meeting will be held on FRIDAY 18th August at the Army, Naval & Military Club, rather than the usual third Thursday of the month, commencing at 7pm. The bourse to run from 3pm to 5pm. At 5pm there will be a meet & greet for NAA attendees, with the 1000th meeting to commence at 7pm.

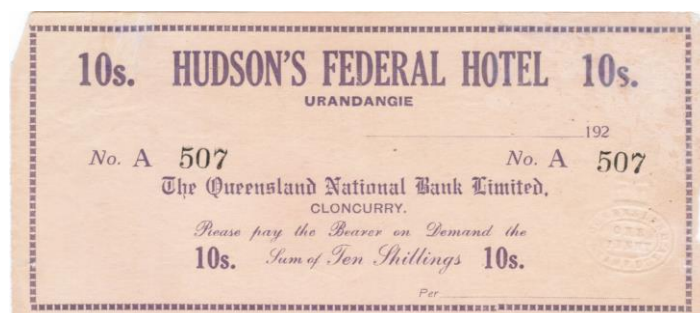
Coin Expo report: The Expo appears to be fully booked. The Royal Australia Mint will be attending.

We will be producing Expo PNCs for the event, more detail on this to be announced. Times open to the public will be 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 10am until 4pm on Sunday.

General Business: Gerry made some generous numismatic donations to the members.

Door Prizes: were won by P. F., Virginia, P. J. and Helen.

Numismatics:



Mick gave an illustrated talk about a Hudson's Federal Hotel 10/- calabash advertised for nearly \$6,000, reduced to \$500 and purchased at auction for \$65, and the history of issuers and such notes at Urandangie, Queensland 100 years ago. (An article appeared in the new ACR in September, but the hard copy version missed out the first page of the article, and the article is expected to be re-run in the December issue).

Paul J. spoke about and showed examples of ancient coins; Ptolemy I silver tetradrachm from the period 323-283 BC and a silver tetradrachm of Pamphylia (Side) showing Athena from circa 200 BC.



Ancient Egypt and Pamphylia

Silver tetradrachm **EGYPT**, Kingdom of Ptolemy I 323-283 B.C., issued 305-283 B.C., (14.06 g), Alexandria mint,

Obv. Diademed head of Ptolemy I to right, with aegis, (meaning a goatskin shield). The word Aegis is used a lot in western navies such as Australia's Aegis Destroyers because they can use their missiles as a protective shield.

Rev. Eagle to left with closed wings, standing on thunderbolt in front P over monogram **PAR*, around **BASILEWS] PTOLEMAIOU*. Eurydice was the wife of Ptolemy I; Berenice was Eurydice's hand maid who then became involved with Ptolemy I, who married her in 317 BC. Berenice became the mother of Arsinoe II, Philotera, and a son, Ptolemy II. Berenice's son Ptolemy II was recognized by Ptolemy I as his heir in preference to Eurydice's children to Ptolemy I.

Pamphylia is located in modern southern Turkey. The first empire to claim this land was the Hittite. Then Greek migrants then moved into the fertile plain and as a result it then changed hands a few times between Greece and Persia. In recent times the area was controlled by the Ottoman Empire then Turkey.

Silver Tetradrachm PAMPHYLIA, Side, c200BC 16.236 grams.

Obv: Athena (Athena is the goddess of knowledge, purity, arts, crafts, learning, justice and wisdom. She represents intelligence, humility, consciousness, cosmic knowledge, creativity, education, enlightenment, the arts, eloquence and power. She stands for Truth, Justice, and Moral values.) facing right wearing Corinthian helmet.

Rev: Nike (Nike is the goddess of strength, speed, and victory) Advancing to left with wreath **KLE UC** (flying Horse) across the field, to left a pomegranate (The pomegranate is a symbolic fruit, signifying beauty, love, marriage, fertility, birth, rebirth, hope and prosperity. Even today, young brides in certain Greek villages, throw pomegranates through the door of their new house, with such a force, that the pomegranate bursts open, scattering the seeds. This ritual is said to ensure a happy marriage and the birth of many children.)



Richard showed a set of Australian florins from 1910 to 1963 in an album.

Gerry showed a 1921 three-pence from Australia and a 1906 florin from England.

Peter L. spoke about the history of the NSSA from formation in 1926, including the production of the NSSA bi-monthly journal from 1950 and also traced the history of the formation of the NAA in 1985.

What's On around Adelaide:

The Brighton Market is on 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month – free admission

SA Farmers Market every Sunday - \$1.50 admission

Strathalbyn Antique Fair, Saturday-Sunday 19th/20th August - \$10 admission

Strathalbyn Treasure Market, Sunday 20th August - \$2 admission

Willunga swap-meet, Sunday 13th August - \$5 admission. The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Meeting 1000 held at the Army, Naval & Military Club, 18th August 2023.

Present: **Steve** (chair) with 24 members, 5 apologies and 12 visitors.

NAA report: The weekend after the meeting saw the hosting of the NAA conference at the Army, Naval & Military club. A successful event was held, thanks to members and visitors for their support. Before the conference on Friday there was a Numismatic Bourse at 3pm and a meet and greet for NAA members at 5pm. Thanks to all those who attended these events.

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We will be producing Expo PNCs for the event, more detail on this have been emailed to attending dealers. Times open to the public will be 10am to 5pm on Saturday 7th October and 10am until 4pm on Sunday 8th October.

Anyone who is willing to volunteer some time to help set up on the Friday and take down on the Sunday, or to help on the Expo desk or with the crowd control over this weekend, please contact Richard if you have not already done so. Lunch will be provided to set up volunteers on Friday. Anyone helping at the Expo will have their next year's subscription to the NSSA paid for by the NSSA.

General Business: Gerry and J. W. made some generous numismatic donations to the members.

Door Prizes: Were won by numerous people, thanks again to Jerry and J.W.

Numismatics:

Mick gave an illustrated talk about a Hudson's Federal Hotel 10/- calabash, a 5/- Hindmarsh Brewery note, a Talisker Mining Co. note and spoke about his book on the subject and his intended book on Australian Superscribed Survivors.

Paul J. spoke about and showed examples of Crusader coinage from Bohemond VII (1275-1287) and Richard I. (1189-1199)

CRUSADERS, County of Tripoli Bohemond VII, Dated 1275-1287 Silver Gros (26mm, 4.18 g). + (Ns for Ms are retrograde), cross pattée in tressure of twelve arcs SEPTINVS BOENVNDVS COMES (SEPTINVS meant born Seventh, name given to the seventh male child born to a large Family) CIVITAS TRIPOLIS SVRIE (citizen of a nice city), triple-towered gateway within tressure (boarder) of twelve arcs.

Bohemond VII was the count of Tripoli and nominal prince of Antioch and he was underage at his succession so his mother Sibylla acted as regent.

Guy of Byblos and the Templars assaulted Tripoli, but were met outside the walls by Bohemond. Bohemond was defeated, but the Templar fleet of twelve galleys was scattered by a storm. Bohemond's fleet of fifteen galleys attacked and damaged Templar held Sidon, one of the four major fiefdoms of the Kingdom of Jerusalem.

The last conflict began in January 1282, when the Embriacos (from Genoa) and the Templars tried to take Tripoli by surprise. They found the Templar master was away and so took refuge with the Hospitallers, who handed them over to Bohemond on condition that he would spare their lives. He buried them up to their necks in sand and starved them to death.

This coin weighs exactly the same as the French gros tournois. These intricate and beautiful coins were not long in circulation as Tripoli was surrendered to the Mamluks in 1289 making them the last coins to be struck in the 'crusader states'.



Richard I minted under his father Henry II facing crowned bust with sceptre outside inner linear circle, legend commences upper left, hENRICVS REX, rev. short voided cross pommee (ball at the end of a cross), cross pommee in each angle, beaded circles and legend surrounding, +CVCARD ON CVC, letter C punch used instead of E giving an unusual reading,



As king of England, Richard I spent only about six months of his reign in England; for the rest of the time he was engaged in foreign wars. In 1190 he departed for the east as one of the leaders of the Third Crusade. To pay for this enterprise Richard auctioned off all that he could: land, towns, castles, and even offices. A quote attributed to him, "I would have sold London itself, if I could have found a buyer" accurately reflected his great need for funds to carry out the crusade. None of his territories were exempt in contributing.

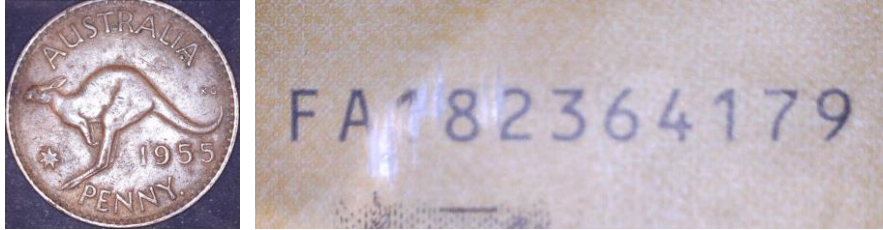
Before Christmas 1192 Richard was captured on the way home and was given to the Holy Roman Emperor. He was released in February 1194 after a vast ransom was raised.

He crushed an attempted coup by John and his sporadic wars with Philip II drained the royal treasury and only deepened Richard's desperation for money as a result his unpaid mercenaries' wreaked havoc throughout the countryside.

A peasant discovered a hoard of gold at Châlus in Limousin, and the Lord held it in his castle for safe-keeping, the enraged Richard laid siege to the castle. In the course of checking the progress of the siege, Richard, at that time not in full armor, was struck in the shoulder by a crossbow bolt which proved fatal.

Gerry showed a 1955Y penny which a collector mistakenly thought was worth a fortune, see below, and Mick's advertising card from decades ago.

Peter L. spoke about the history and foundation members of the NSSA from formation in 1926, including the personalities of Dr A. A. Lendon and Mr E. F. Crouch, and about a Mt Gambier Old Residents Association medal.



V. P. showed a \$50 note from 2018 with a suspected printing error, which Mick declared was just circulation damage.

Mark spoke about and showed an enameled 1899 British half-crown with chain - a very nice piece of artistic coin work.



Barrie spoke about and showed the 2023 NAA convention medal depicting Captain Cook presenting a medal to natives, and the Vickers Vimy aircraft from 1919.



M. B. spoke about and showed a Milk Token from NZ, Hutt Valley Milk Token One Pint restrike.

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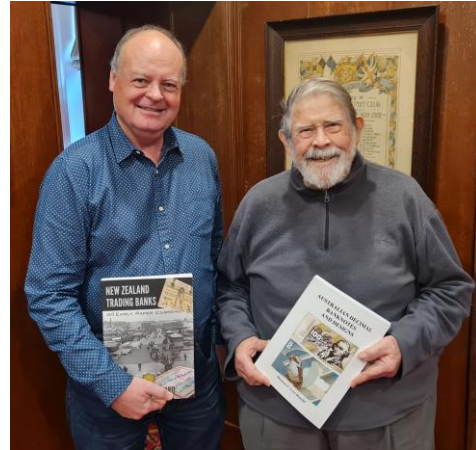
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Printed Collectables Fair Saturday 9th September, 9am -3pm Hectorville Community Ctr, 9 Reid Ave Hectorville, free admission.

Gawler Swap meet – Princes Park, Nixon St Sat 17th September from 7am, cost \$5. Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

The weekend after the August meeting saw the hosting of the NAA conference at the Army, Naval & Military club. A successful event was held, thanks to members and visitors for their support. 32 attendees and 17 speakers made for an interesting weekend.



Above, Mick operating the computer for NAA speakers, and swapping his latest Decimal Banknote Designs book in colour with Andrew Clifford for his new book “New Zealand Trading Banks” at the NAA convention. The large 361-page New Zealand A4-size book in colour selling for around \$60 was declared by Mick to be an excellent production second only in quality to the Dauer/Pettit book.

Meeting 1001, Army, Naval & Military Club, 21st September 2023.

Present: Steve (chair) and 15 members, 10 apologies including Mick due to the illness of his wife, which meant that members’ numismatic items could not be photographed with the society digital microscope.

Two new members, F, U. and D. S. were accepted into the NSSA with the acclamation of the room.

All is ready for the Expo, which should be well attended by the public. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help, your efforts are appreciated.

General Business: Barrie spoke about possible membership of the Naval & Military Club for the NSSA. There were also some discussions about alternative meeting venues. **Door Prizes:** Won by Harry.

Numismatics:

Paul J. spoke about and showed a Boetia 4th century BC coin with an amphora and a Corinth stater from the 4th century BC showing Pegasus.

Terry showed a 1780 Maria Theresa silver thaler re-strike, a Macau 1997 10 Patacas coin and a Hong Kong 1910 one cent coin.

G. R. spoke about and showed a 20c coin with an imprinting error.

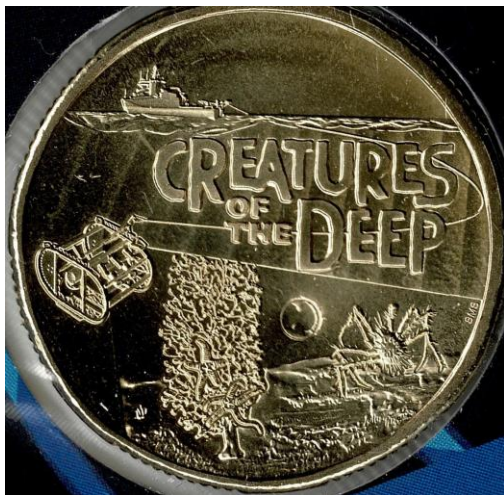
V. P. showed the new Matilda \$2 coins.

Richard spoke about and showed a 1662 silver crown of Charles II, known as the Merry Monarch.

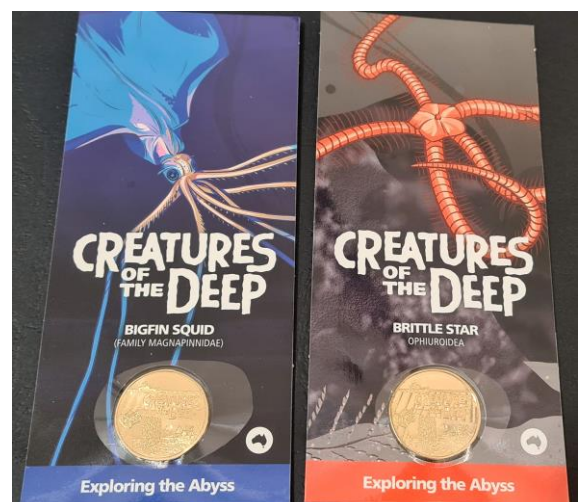
The meeting was closed at 8.55pm. Next meeting, **19th October 2023 at 7.45pm, 111 Hutt St.**

The NSSA Coin and banknote expo held at the Drill Hall of the Torrens Parade Ground Adelaide on the weekend of the 7th and 8th October was a great success.

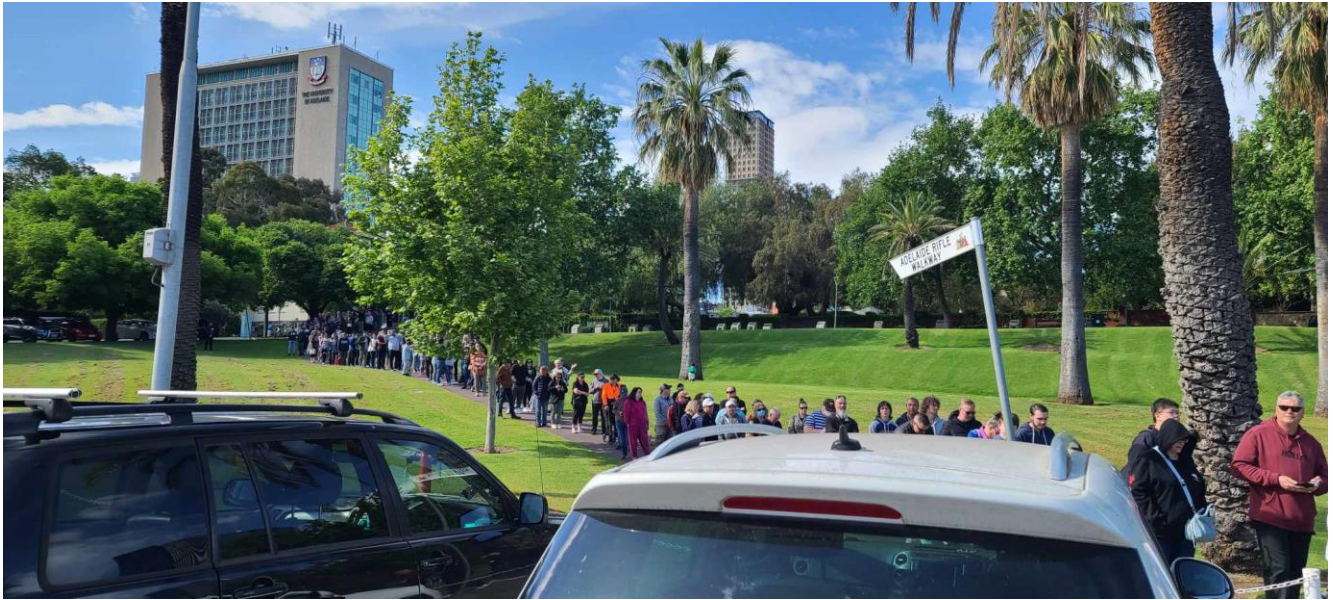
The Royal Australian Mint was in attendance with two special \$2 coins for face value, maximum 25 coins per lineup, and a privy-marked \$1 coin available in five different holders for \$5 each.



The special dollar and privy mark.



The five different \$1 holders.



Part of the queue for the RAM coins.



A NSSA raffle was available with the winner being a young boy named Seth for the first prize of an ancient Roman Claudius Gothicus II gold coin, shown above with Richard, secretary of the society and organizer of the show.

An article about the Expo has been sent to ACR by Mick for its December issue.

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Mick's wife Lyn passed away on the 29th September after a long illness, the day before her 78th birthday and on the 11th October 2023 eleven members of the society met at the Willaston Hotel for lunch and attended the funeral service at Gawler and wake afterwards. Thank you all so much for your support.